

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

Ciapessoni *et al.*, on behalf of themselves
and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

The United States of America,

Defendant.

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Case No. 15-938C
Hon. Thomas C. Wheeler

**DECLARATION OF ELISA CIAPESSONI IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO CERTIFY CLASS ACTION**

I, Elisa Ciapessoni, hereby state and declare as follows:

1. I am a named plaintiff in the above-captioned lawsuit.
2. I am in the business of growing natural seedless grapes, which are subsequently picked and dried to produce raisins.
3. I produced and delivered raisins individually and as a partner in Rossi & Ciapessoni Farms up to and including the 2002-2010 crop years.
4. During the crop years in which a reserve requirement was ultimately imposed, neither I nor Rossi & Ciapessoni Farms were compensated for those reserve-tonnage raisins.

I hereby declare that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand it is made for use as evidence in court and is subject to penalty for perjury.

DATED: September 24, 2015


Elisa Ciapessoni